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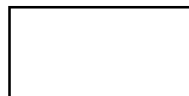
1. On 21 February 1952, only a few military personnel and about 10 motor vehicles were seen in the yards of the barracks installations west of Schiesstattring, St. Pölten (O 49/W 88). A low wooden barracks building had been erected on the site where formerly amphibious cars had been placed on blocks. No amphibious cars were noticed. A senior lieutenant of a railroad transport unit was seen on Schiesstattring. Trucks [REDACTED] jeeps [REDACTED] and sedan [REDACTED] all occupied by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were identified in front of the former Kreisgericht (county court). (1) Truck [REDACTED] was seen towing jeep [REDACTED] from the former German field hospital on Corvinusstrasse, where several nurses and soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed. A T-34 tank mounting a rod antenna fired its machine gun while standing and in motion on the road bed of the projected autobahn south of Camp Spratzern. The firing practice was directed by an officer who was stationed at a radiotelephone near the two observation towers on the road bed. No changes were observed at Camp Spratzern. Jeeps [REDACTED] and trucks [REDACTED] all of them occupied by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were identified. (2)
2. On 20 February, the Birago Kaserne in Melk (O 49/W 68) was guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Only a few soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and cleared away snow were seen at the installation. Four trucks, [REDACTED] stood in the yard. (3)
3. On 19 February, about 30 motor vehicles were in the yard and 16 trucks were in the garages of the former insane asylum in Mauer Oehling (O 49/W 26). About 45 soldiers without rifles were engaged in close-order drill in the yard. Six soldiers practiced the unlimbering of AT guns. Another 10 soldiers carrying field equipment marched into the installation. They wore black-bordered red epaulets. Two trucks towing AT guns followed the troops some time later. About 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and parkas practiced the penetration of field positions. Practice targets in the woods east of the insane asylum were used. (4)
4. Soviet personnel seen entering and leaving the Soviet hospital in Amstetten (O 49/W 27) included 5 medical officers and female physicians, 3 field grade officers and 7 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets.

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- (1) Hauer Gehling is still the military post of a motorized infantry unit, presumably the 290th Jds Itz Rifle Regt of the 95th Jds Itz Rifle Div.

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